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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 28025	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 2

as suggested by the applicant.

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- b. none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The abstract is too long (PCT Rule 8.1(b)). The abstract must be less than 150 words, or 200 words when no figure is to be published.

NEW ABSTRACT

A gating system for controlling a flowable material through a passageway having an inlet and an outlet, the gating system includes: an inlet blade assembly between the passageway inlet and passageway outlet, the inlet blade assembly including an inlet blade and a drive for moving the inlet blade to open and closed positions with respect to the passageway; an outlet blade assembly between the inlet blade assembly and the passageway outlet, the outlet blade assembly including an outlet blade and a drive for moving the outlet blade to open and closed positions with respect to the passageway; and a control system that drives for moving the inlet blade to its closed position before moving the outlet blade to its closed position with respect to the passageway, and moves the outlet blade to its open position before moving the inlet blade to its open position.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B65B 1/08
US CL : 222/561

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 222/561, 195, 630, 637; 251/172, 175; 137/240; 141/67

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4,060,183 A (PUURUNEN) 29 November 1977 (29.11.1977), see entire document.	1,5-7,11-13,15
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Y	US 6,318,402 B1 (LADEIRA) 20 November 2001 (20.11.2001), see entire document.	2-4,8-10,14,16-18
Y	US 6,508,387 B1 (SIMON et al) 21 January 2003 (21.01.2003), see entire document.	2-4,8-10
Y	US 5,341,856 A (APPENZELLER) 30 August 1994 (30.08.1994), see entire document.	14
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

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